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**Factions: Widespread Reports on Egyptian Plans to Convene Reconciliation Meeting Next Month Untrue**

By Hassan Jabr:

Politicians belonging to national factions said that the reports that have been circulating recently about impending meetings to be held in Cairo in order to achieve reconciliation on the Palestinian front are untrue, stressing that the rumors on convening a meeting next month are nothing but individual expectations that have no basis in truth.

For his part, Walid al-Awad, a member of the Political Bureau of the Palestinian People's Party, stated that to date the factions do not have any information, indicating that what is being rumored are just expectations based on personal assessments.

Al-Awad underscored that the expectations are based on the assumption that the Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi will settle the domestic matters within the next few days and will be interested in showcasing any accomplishment, and the issue of reconciliation seems to him to be the easiest international one to tackle.

He pointed out that no one informed the factions about any dates regarding the reconciliation and he hoped that reconciliation will be realized and that the split will be eliminated as soon as possible, adding that it is important that the engine of reconciliation should be stronger than the attempts to disrupt it.

Along the same lines, Dr. Rabbah Mohanna, a member of the Political Bureau of the Popular Front, stated that Egypt did not send any invitations to anyone concerning the Palestinian reconciliation. He underscored that Egypt is still able to play a strong and effective role in the Palestinian reconciliation.

Mohanna also stressed that it is important to believe that the split between the Fatah and Hamas movements must end in order to escape the predicament that the Palestinian cause is going through.

He mentioned a few separate attempts made by the Popular Front and the Islamic Jihad movement in order to set the reconciliation case into motion, and pointed out that the attempts have failed after each of the two divided parties alluded in vague terms to the reconciliation and the end of the division.

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He added that not allowing the Fatah movement to organize the *intilaqa* [takeoff] festival in Katiba Square could affect the mood of reconciliation that recently prevailed, and underscored that the refusal of Hamas is wrong and reflects the overpowering mentality of the Brotherhood movement, as if the Hamas movement owned the Katiba land.

He also stated that the security reasons that Hamas is putting forth in order to turn down the festival are not acceptable at all.

For its part, Hamas maintained that it did not know of any plan to convene a reconciliation conference with Fatah in Cairo under Egyptian auspices at the end of next November.

A senior officer in Hamas, Salah al-Bardawil, affirmed that President Mahmoud Abbas is liable for the interruption of the reconciliation efforts, and indicated that Abbas insisted on holding the elections before any reconciliation measure.

In statements to the press, he said that Abbas's insistence on holding the elections violates the package deal signed by the two movements, and maintained that the government that Abbas is entrusted to form is the one that is authorized to hold the elections.

Sources at Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently maintained that a conference for Palestinian reconciliation will be held in Cairo at the end of next month once the internal situation in Egypt becomes stable.

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### **Police Reveal Circumstances Surrounding Theft of Gold Jewelry in Nablus**

Nablus – Al-Ayyam: The police revealed yesterday the circumstances surrounding the theft of gold jewelry from a Nablus home.

A statement issued yesterday by the police's Public Relations and Information Department indicated that a local woman filed a complaint with the Police Bureau of Investigation, claiming that her gold jewelry was stolen from her home.

The statement added that "the staff that was assigned on this case inspected the home and noticed that there was no evidence on its doors or windows of a break-in. After some inquiries, the woman's relative, who had visited the complainant at her home, was brought in. During the interrogation she admitted to the theft and that she disposed of the loot."

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### **Bethlehem: Laying Foundation Stone of Housing Project in al-Obaydiya for Prisoners Serving Life Sentences**



[Photo caption: Laying the foundation stone]

Bethlehem – Al-Ayyam: The town of al-Obaydiya, which lies east of Bethlehem, two days ago celebrated the laying of the foundation stone for the Hope Suburb Housing Project for life sentence prisoners.

The event was attended by the head of the Presidential Office, Dr. Hussein al-Aaraj, who represented President Abu Mazen, the Minister of Prisoner Affairs, Issa Qaraqe', the head of al-Obaydiya municipality, Suleiman al-Aasa, the project's manager Najla al-Hajj, the director of the Prisoners Directorate in Bethlehem, Munqidh Abu Atwan, several representatives of national institutions and authorities, and the families of life prisoners in the governorate of Bethlehem.

In his speech, Dr. al-Aaraj mentioned that this project, which stemmed from the creative and pioneering initiative of Bethlehem prisoners' families, confirms the determination of the Palestinian people to resist, set the prisoners free, and cling to life and liberty.

He considered the birth of the housing project as a model and example that should be expanded to all governorates, given that it represents cooperation, solidarity, and collective responsibility in confronting the challenges that are facing the Palestinian people. He added that this project shows loyalty and love towards the prisoners, that they are not alone, and that everyone is waiting for their return so that they can live in their own homes with their families.

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What is more, al-Aaraj stated that the Palestinian leadership and the relevant institutions will provide the resources to complete this pioneering project as soon as possible.

For his part, Qaraqe' said that the Hope Suburb Housing Project will give hope to the prisoners whose dreams, as the occupation authorities would like to believe, have been shattered by life in prison and inside the dark jails. It opens a window to a new Palestinian life and determination affirming that freedom is near and that the prisoners will return to live their honorable and free life like people everywhere.

Likewise, Qaraqe' expressed his appreciation for the role of the Aman [Security] Association, which comprises families of prisoners and which started and oversaw this project. He thanked all the institutions and ministries which supported it and provided it with all means of assistance.

The deputy governor, Mohamed Taha, indicated that the housing project for life prisoners in the governorate is the first project of its kind in Palestine and was the product of individual initiative. He added that it represents aspects of Palestinian solidarity and cooperation that provide honorable livelihood for the prisoners and their families.

For her part, Najla al-Hajj, the wife of prisoner Abdul Rahman Yousef Maqdad, sentenced to 21 life sentences plus 15 years, who came up with the idea of the project, said that following instructions from President Abu Mazen, the Hope Suburb Housing Project for the families of life prisoners was inaugurated. She added that the number of participants in the project comprised 73 prisoners sentenced to life in prison. They represent different districts of Bethlehem governorate, including al-Ayzaria and Abu Diss, and some of them carry Gaza identity cards.

Moreover, al-Hajj stated that the idea of the project is to help life prisoners who are spending the best years of their lives in jail. Once the prisoner leaves prison he will find a house waiting for him. She added that she did not have her own house, and that she is living with her parents.

She mentioned that her idea was well received in the Gulf countries, notably in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and she indicated that the realization of this project has become realistic and feasible.

She also stated that, "we bought a parcel of land measuring 11 dunams [11,000 square meters] for the recipients' families in al-Obaydiya district. The parcel's owner donated one dunam [1,000 square meters]." She also cited the cooperation of the Local Rule Minister, Khaled al-Qawasmi, who provided total exemption from all licenses and stated that he was prepared to secure the project's infrastructure.

Likewise, she indicated that the Association of Engineers set out to work on all the plans. She thanked the Association and its president, engineer Khaled Adeyli, for exempting the project from all project registration fees, which come to 73,000 Jordanian dinars.

She stated that the Minister of Works, Maher Ghneim, procured the vehicles and bulldozers, which started working on the project 20 days ago in order to build a road and complete all the excavations.

Of note is that the Hope Suburb Housing for life prisoners in Bethlehem lies on the western hills of al-Obaydiya city, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The project's area totals 11,921 square meters, and is earmarked for 73 families of prisoners serving life sentences in the governorate of Bethlehem.



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### **Qaraqe': Depriving Prisoners of College Education Violates International Laws**

Ramallah – Al-Ayyam: The Minister of Prisoners, Issa Qaraqe', said that the decision of the Israeli Supreme Court to prevent the prisoners in the occupation jails from pursuing secondary and college education is a vindictive policy against the prisoners and a violation of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions, the International Covenant on Civil, Political, and Cultural Rights, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adding that it is also a breach by the Israelis of the promises that the Prisons Administration made to the Prisoners' Committee during the strike of April 17, 2012, to reinstate education for the inmates.

During a press conference given yesterday, Qaraqe' stated that this decision will trigger new protests inside the prisons and new belligerent reactions in order to restore the prisoners' lost rights. He added that these rights were stripped away from the prisoners pursuant to Israeli political decisions and under Israeli legal cover, and that this will usher a new battle that the prisoners will wage inside the prisons.

He indicated that depriving the prisoners of education was a political decision taken by the Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu during the detention of Private Shalit, following which he issued a series of severe measures against the prisoners, making the latter scapegoats for an Israeli political objective.

Qaraqe' called on UNESCO and the United Nations' Human Rights Commission to intervene and stop these practices which violate the prisoners' human and cultural rights, and to force Israel to comply with international humanitarian law with regard to the rights of the detainees.



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### **Wife of Prisoner Ezzeddine Continues Hunger Strike for Fourth Day in Solidarity with her Husband**

Jenin – Al-Ayyam: The wife of prisoner Jaafar Ezzeddine, who is from the town of Araba, southwest of Jenin, continued her hunger strike yesterday for the fourth consecutive day in solidarity with her husband, who has been on a hunger strike for twenty-nine days, in protest against the decision to transfer him to administrative detention.

The family of prisoner Ezzeddine said that his wife, Umm Hamza [Hamza's mother], is waging a hunger strike in solidarity with him. She is refusing to eat anything, even though she has a seven-month-old infant she gave birth to during the previous administrative detention of her husband and his open-ended hunger strike.

The family emphasized that the health condition of prisoner Ezzeddine is noticeably and gravely deteriorating. Ezzeddine's family learned from the lawyer who visited him that his health condition is not reassuring and that he looked very weak. He lost 12 kilograms, and his blood pressure decreased from 88 to 62. His sugar level was 72, and his heart rate 68. He also continues to feel dizzy and was unable to continue the conversation with his lawyer due to fatigue and extreme weakness as a result of his determination, along with two other prisoners, Sheikh Tareq Qaadani and Yousef Yasin, to pursue an open-ended hunger strike and to have only water, in protest against their administrative detention.

Moreover, Ezzeddine's family appealed to the legal and humanitarian organization in order to quickly intervene to set him free along with the hunger strikers who reject the administrative detention policy, and to pressure the occupation authorities to close this case.

Ezzeddine, who is 41 years old, had waged an open-ended hunger strike that lasted 54 days, in protest against administrative detention. This led to recurrent feelings of dizziness which he continued to suffer from after the end of the strike and his liberation. He also continued to suffer from exhaustion and emaciation. He was set free on July 20 of this year before being incarcerated again on November 22 of this year during a campaign of arrests that reached a number of Islamic Jihad staff in the West Bank. He is detained in Megiddo Prison along with two other prisoners who have been on hunger strike for 29 days, Sheikh Tareq Qaadani, from Araba, and Yousef Yasin, from the village of Anin.

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 04 Civ. 00397 (GBD) (RLE)

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Clark Hayes

ss.: ~~New Jersey~~ *New York*

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## بيت لحم : وضع الحجر الأساس لمشروع إسكان أسرى المؤبدات في العبيدية



جانب من وضع حجر الأساس.

لإكمال هذا المشروع الرائد وإجازه بأمر وقت.

من جهته قال قراقرع إن إسكان خاضعة الأمل هو زرع الأمل للأسرى الذين يعتقد الاعتقال أنه حطم أحلامهم بالعزلة والوحشة داخل ظلام السجون ليضع نافذة داخل وإرادة فلسطينية جديدة. تشمل أن الدرية قريبة وأن الأسرى سيؤمنون ليعيشوا حياتهم الكريمة والحررة ككل شعوب الأرض.

وتمت إقامة دور جمعية أمان المشتركة من ثمانية الأسرى والتي باركر وأشرفت على هذا المشروع وشكر كل المؤسسات والهيئات والوزارات التي ساهمت في دعم وتوفير كل وسائل المصانة لهم.

وأكد نائب المحافظ محمد طه أن مشروع إسكان الأسرى والمؤبدات في المنطقة هو أول مشروع في فلسطين ويمتددة ثمانية وهو جزء من خطة التماسك الفلسطيني.

والتعاون لتوفير سبل الحياة الكريمة للأسرى ولتأهيلهم.

وقالت نداء لوزة الأسرى الأسير عبد الرحمن يوسف مقدم المحكوم عليه بـ 15 سنة، وصاحبة فكرة المشروع، إنه تلتزمين مع الرئيس أبو مازن، تم تشييد مشروع إسكان خاضعة الأمل للأسرى المؤبدات، حيث أن عدد المعتقلين في المشروع يبلغ ٧٣ أسيراً محكوماً بالأمم، من مختلف أنحاء محافظة أبو.

وأضافت: "قمنا بشراء قطعة أرض بمساحة ١١ دونماً لأهالي المنطقة، وهي منطقة العبيدية، المستفيدين من منطقة العبيدية، الذين تأتي خدمة لأسرى المؤبدات، الذين يقضون أجمل سنوات عمرهم في السجون، بحيث عندما يخرج الأسير الذي قام بتقديم أعذار كامل من السجن يجد له بيتاً مشيراً إلى عدم وجود بيت له وهي قيمة في منزل أهله.

وأوضحت أن فكرتها وجدت لها مسدداً وتجاوزاً في دول الخليج، استهدت لعمل الخطة، وشكرت القنصلية وعلى رأسهم المهندس خالد عديني، لتسهيل إقامة كلاً من رسوم تسجيل المشروع، وهي بقيمة ١٢ ألف دينار أردني.

وقام صاحب الأرض بالتبرع بـ ٢٠٠٠ متر مربع من الأرض، مشيراً إلى تعاون وزير الأشغال العامة، الذي قام بتأمين الإتيان والبرافيت، التي يباشر العمل منذ ٢٠ يوماً في المشروع، من أجل شق طريق، وإكمال كافة الخدمات.

يذكر أن مشروع خاضعة الأمل لإسكان أسرى المؤبدات في بيت لحم يقع في التلال الغربية لمدينة العبيدية وعلى مشارف مدينة القدس، ويبلغ مساحة الأرض التي يقام عليها المشروع ١١,٣٢٠ متراً مربعاً ويهدم ٧٣ عائلة أسير من الموقوفين والمؤبدات ومدى الحياة في مخالفة بيت لحم.

## قراقرع: حرمان الأسرى من التعليم الجامعي انتهاك للقوانين الدولية

رام الله - "الأيام"، قال وزير الأسرى عيسى قراقرع إن قرار محكمة العدل العليا الإسرائيلية بمواصلة حرمان الأسرى من سجون الاعتقال من مواصلة التعليم الجامعي والتأهيل هو سياسة انتقامية من الأسرى وانتهاك لاتفاقية جنيف الثالثة والرابعة والعهد الدولي الخاص بالحقوق المدنية والسياسية والثقافية وإعلان العالمي لحقوق الإنسان وخداق إسرائيل للوفود التي قطعته إدارة السجون للجنة الأسرى خلال الإضراب.

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## زوجة الأسير عز الدين تواصل لليوم الرابع إضراباً عن الطعام تضامناً مع زوجها

جنين - "الأيام"، وأصابت زوجة الأسير جعفر عز الدين، من بلدة عرابية جنوب غرب جنين، أمس الإضراب عن الطعام لليوم الرابع على التوالي، تضامناً مع زوجها المضرب عن الطعام لليوم التاسع والعشرين رفضاً لقرار تجديده الاعتقال الإداري.

وقالت عائلة الأسير عز الدين، إن زوجته "أم حمزة" تعرضت لإضراباً عن الطعام تضامناً معه، حيث تمتعت في تناول الطعام، رغم وجود طفل رضيع لديها يبلغ من العمر سبعة أشهر، كانت رزقتها به خلال فترة الاعتقال الإداري السابق لزوجها وإضرابه المفروض عن الطعام.

وأكدت العائلة، أن الوضع الصحي للأسير عز الدين، يشهد تراجعا ملحوظا، حيث غلبت العائلة.

عبر زيارة العباسي له، أن وضعه الصحي ليس مطمئناً، وكانت تبدو عليه علامات الضعف الشديد، وقد من وزنه ٤٠ كيلوغراماً، وتراجع ضغط الدم لديه من ٨٨ إلى ٦٢، والسكر إلى ٧٦، والتشنج إلى ٢٨، وأصبح يشعر بوجع المفاصل، ولم يتمكن من مواصلة الحديث مع معاهيه بسبب التعب الواضح عليه والضعف الشديد، في ظل إضراره والأسيرين الشيخ طارق قعدان ويوسف ياسين عن الإضراب المقنن عن الطعام، وعدم تناول سواي الماء، وذلك رفضاً لقرار اعتقالهم الإداري.

وناشدت عائلة عز الدين المنظمات الحقوقية والإنسانية، التدخل العاجل من أجل إطلاق سراحه والأسير المضرب عن الطعام، رفضاً لسياسة

## فصائل: لا صحة لأحداث الرأجة عن تحركات مصرية لعقد اجتماع حول المصالحة الشهر المقبل

كتب حسن جبر

قال سياسيون من فصائل وطنية إنه لا صحة لأحداث الرأجة عن تحركات مصرية لعقد اجتماع حول المصالحة الشهر المقبل، راجعاً مؤشراً عن قرب البدء في عقد اجتماعات في القاهرة لتبني المصالحة في الساحة الفلسطينية، مؤكداً أن ما يشاع عن عقد اجتماع خلالها الشهر القادم لا تعدو عن كونها توقعات شخصية لا أساس لها من الصحة.

وقال وليد العوض عضو المكتب السياسي لحزب الشعب الفلسطيني، إنه لا توجد لدى الفصائل حتى الآن أية معلومات مشيرة إلى أن ما يشاع من عقد اجتماعات بينية على تقديرات شخصية.

وأكد العوض أن التوقعات تنطلق من فرضية أن الرئيس المصري محمد مرسي سيتحدث في القضايا الفلسطينية خلال الأيام المقبلة وسيكون معنياً بإظهار أي إنجاز حيث يبدو ملف المصالحة لا سهل.

الضربة تكشف ملامسات سرقة مصاع ذهب في نابلس

نابلس - "الأيام"، كشفت الشرطة، أمس، ملامسات سرقة مصاع ذهب في أحد المنازل في نابلس.

وتذكر بيان العلاقات العامة والإعلام في الشرطة، أمس، أن مواطنة تقدمت بشكوى لدى شرطة المباحث حول تعرض مسانها الذهب للسرقة في منزلها.

وأضاف البيان، أن "فريق العمل المكلف هذه القضية قام بعمل كشف مبدئي على المنزل ولم يتبين وجود أي خلع أو كسر في أبواب أو نوافذ المنزل، وبالبحث والتدقيق تم إحصاء قرونها والتي كانت زاررت المشككية في منزلها وبالبحث معها اعترفت بالسرقة، والتصرف بالمروقات".

وأشار إلى أن أحد لم يبلغ الفصائل بأية مؤاميد حول المصالحة متمنياً أن يتم إنجيز المصالحة وإنهاء الانقسام بأسرع وقت ممكن منها إلى أهمية أن تكون قسوة الدفع لعملية الشعبية أكبر من مماوات تعطلها.

في نفس السياق قال الدكتور رباح مهنا عضو المكتب السياسي للجنة الشعبية أن مصر لم ترسل أية دعوات لاية جهة بخصوص المصالحة الفلسطينية مؤكداً أن مصر ما زالت قادرة على لعب دور قوي ومؤثر في المصالحة الفلسطينية.

وأكد مهنا على أهمية أن تتوفر كافة شروط ضرورة وأهمية إنهاء الانقسام بأسرع وقت ممكن ومؤثر للمصالحة بجمعها وحركة فتح في القاهرة برعاية مصرية تحاكي شهر تشرين ثان المقبل.

وأكد القيادي في حركة حماس صلاح الزبور أن الرئيس محمود عباس يتحمل المسؤولية عن إصرار عباس على إجراء الانتخابات قبل أن يخرج من خطوات المصالحة.

وقال في تصريحات صحفية إن إصرار عباس على إجراء الانتخابات قبل أن يخرج من خطوات المصالحة، مضافاً إلى إصرار عباس على إجراء الانتخابات قبل أن يخرج من خطوات المصالحة، مضافاً إلى إصرار عباس على إجراء الانتخابات قبل أن يخرج من خطوات المصالحة.

# الخصم هون

## لحق حالك يا زبون

### 30%-50%

#### تصفية على بضائع 2012 لغاية 2013/1/1

RAWAJ FURNITURE

Ramallah 02-2950162  
Nabulus 0599 61 32 11

## 2013 بدون دفعات

## إشتري بـ 2012 وإبدأ الدفع بـ 2014

### 6 أشهر فترة سماح و 6 أشهر قسطك هدية بنقدتك عنك

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